



# Patricia Jursik *Update*

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## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Finance and Audit

Judiciary, Safety and  
General Services

Transportation,  
Public Works,  
and Transit

## State Takeover of Income Maintenance

In 2008, approximately 9 of 10 calls to the Call Center for Income Maintenance went unattended. This failure to respond to calls violated federal and state law and exposed the County to a lawsuit. Families in need in my district did not receive food, medical, and childcare assistance. While the County Board legislated to fill positions at the Call Center, the County Executive's administration did not fill these positions, leaving the Center severely understaffed.

At the beginning of this year, the Call Center's response rates improved markedly while wait times decreased once many positions at the Call Center were finally filled. This improvement proves that Milwaukee County is indeed capable of operating a responsive Call Center if all leaders cooperate to deliver this service. Further success would be possible if the State would approve modernization measures.

Regardless, the State has pushed to take over the Call Center's management while retaining the County staff. Moreover, the State will charge Milwaukee County to oversee the Center and will impose automatic wage and benefit increases for employees.

## Pedal in the Park with Pat

Join my third annual **FREE** bike ride on **Thursday, June 18**. We will meet at the Sheridan Park Pavilion at 6 p.m. and pedal to Grant Park and back for a total of 5.3 miles. We will return to Sheridan Park in time for the 6:30-8:30 p.m. concert by the Bluegrass Allstars, sponsored by the Milwaukee County Parks Department.

## Sheridan Construction

The City of Cudahy will be doing sewer construction during much of this summer. As a result, Sheridan Drive will be closed just south of Layton Avenue along with the parking lot and picnic areas across from the pool. If you would like to see a complete display of the areas affected by the sewer work, please visit Cudahy City Hall for full illustrations.

## Last Chance to Catch "Titanic" at Museum

"Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition" closes on **May 25** at the Milwaukee Public Museum. This interactive collection has already exceeded its attendance goal of 225,000, surpassing other popular shows. Make sure to purchase your ticket in advance.

## Pull Garlic Mustard at Grant Park

Join "Weed Outs" in eradicating garlic mustard in the month of May before it goes to seed. This invasive plant has harmed plant diversity by crowding out native plants. Please see the following calendar (beginning May 2) to join this event at Grant Park.

## County Briefing at Grobschmidt Senior Center

I will speak at the Grobschmidt Senior Center (in South Milwaukee's City Hall) about park safety, the financial condition of the County, and any other topical issues. You are welcome to join us on **Wednesday, May 20, at 11:15 a.m.** and then stay for lunch at the Center if you choose. Please call 768-5722 one day in advance by 11:15 a.m. if you wish to request lunch. A nutritious meal is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. with a suggested cost of \$2.00 for seniors residing in Milwaukee County. Residents under 60 are advised to contribute \$5.

## Earth Day Accomplishments



Friends of Mill Pond and Oak Creek Watercourse used gloves and waders to pull trash from the Pond and Watercourse.

Congratulations to our Parks groups on their efforts to maintain our pristine parks! Friends of Mill Pond, Friends of Grant Park, and Patrick Cudahy Park Friends coordinated park cleanups around Earth Day last month. I am heartened that these organizations are maintaining the Earth Day spirit throughout the year as they continue to remove trash and invasive plants from our parks. Please refer to the calendar below for opportunities to get involved!

## Community Calendar

### **Fridays, May 1 through Nov – Cudahy Farmers Market, 10am-2pm**

4700 Packard Av, Cudahy, 483-8907

### **Saturdays, May 2, 9, 16, 30 – Weed Out, 9am-Noon**

Pull invasive garlic mustard to protect plant diversity in Grant Park! Meet at the tennis courts parking lot in Grant Park. Don Lawson 764-0612

### **Saturday, May 2 – Free Legal Clinic, 10am-2pm**

Speak with an attorney for free, in celebration of Law Day. At various locations, including Central & Forest Home Libraries.

### **Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 – Cinco de Mayo Springfest, Noon-9pm**

Enjoy music, dance, food, piñatas, face painting, rides, and community information. At UMOS, 2701 S. Chase Av., Milwaukee. [www.umos.org/special\\_events/cinco\\_de\\_mayo.aspx](http://www.umos.org/special_events/cinco_de_mayo.aspx)

### **Sundays, May 3, 10, 17 and 31 – Follow the Migrants with Grant Park Birdwalks, 8am**

Meet at the first Lot at Wil O Way in Grant Park, 207 Lake Dr, South Milwaukee. Weather contingent. Bring binoculars if you have them. Betsy Abert, 764-9244

### **Sunday, May 3 – Anniversary of Bay View Tragedy, 3pm**

Join speakers historian Stephen K. Hauser, 9-5 Director Amy Stear, folksinger Larry Penn, and others to commemorate the State Militia's firing on several thousands of workers marching for the 8-hour day which resulted in the killing of 7 workers. At S. Superior St. and E. Russell Av. <http://wisconsinlaborhistory.org>

### **Thursday, May 7 – Art Splash, 5:30-7pm**

Partake in a student exhibit, live music and children's face painting. Observe artists in action. Silently bid on unique hand-painted furniture. At Cudahy High School's North Science Area. Exhibit continues **through May 22.**

**Saturday, May 9 – Native Plant Sale, 9am-Noon**

Support South Milwaukee Middle School's Environmental Club by purchasing native, hardy perennials including Nodding Onion, Wild Columbine, Smooth Blue Aster, Shooting Star, Purple Coneflower, Great St. John's Wart, Virginia Blue Flag Iris, Marsh Blazing Star, Cardinal Flower, Compass Flower, Cup Plant, Big Bluestem/Turkey Foot Grass, and a huge assortment of tomatoes, peppers and herbs. Plants make lovely Mother's Day gifts! Prices start as low as \$1 for 2.5" pots. At Door #49 behind the South Milwaukee Middle School. To place a pre-sale order or for details, contact Chris Bosetti at 766-5890 or visit [www.southmilwaukee.org/images/temp/Native\\_Plant\\_Sale.pdf](http://www.southmilwaukee.org/images/temp/Native_Plant_Sale.pdf)

**Saturday, May 9 – 2008 Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**

Leave nonperishable food items in a bag next to your mailbox for your letter carrier to collect. Help our community at a time when food pantries are critically low.

**Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day**

All moms receive free admission to the Milwaukee County Zoo [www.milwaukeezoo.org](http://www.milwaukeezoo.org)

**Tuesday, May 12 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm**

At Grant Park Clubhouse (100 Hawthorne Av., South Milwaukee). 571-1191

**Thursdays, May 14 through end of Oct – South Milwaukee Farmers Market 10-2pm**

1304 Manitoba Av, South Milwaukee. 262-835-4386

**Thursday, May 14 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm**

At Grant Park Clubhouse (100 Hawthorne Av., South Milwaukee). 764-0612

**Saturday, May 16 –Master Gardeners' Perennial Plant Sale, 8am-1:30pm**

UW-Extension Master Gardeners will sell thousands of plants to benefit horticultural education programs and answer your gardening questions. Purchases with check or cash only. In DNR area of State Fair Park. Parking at 84<sup>th</sup> St, just off of Greenfield. 256-4661

**Sunday, May 17 – Parks People's Sunday Fun-day Membership Recruitment, 1-5pm**

For \$10, enjoy four beers, a collector's glass, a brewery tour, and music by South Milwaukee's own Garlic Mustard Pickers Celtic band. Support the Parks People through a raffle, as well. At Lakefront Brewery, 1872 Commerce St., Milwaukee.

**Tuesday, April 19 – Grant Park "Park Watch" meeting, 7pm**

At Wil O Way in Grant Park, 207 Lake Dr, South Milwaukee. 764-7262

**Thursday, May 21 – Milwaukee County Board Meeting, 9:30am**

At Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 200.

**Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day**

**8:30am Ceremony** at Veterans Memorial, Nicholson & Denton, **St. Francis**

**10am Parade** from St. Mary's, 13th & Manitoba, **South Milwaukee**, to Veterans Memorial on Chicago Rd./10<sup>th</sup> Av. **Ceremony** at War Memorial

**Tuesday, May 26 – South Shore Legislative Forum, 6-8pm**

South Shore Citizens for a Prosperous Future and concerned neighbors will meet with Senator Plale and Representatives Sinicki and Honadel to discuss how to maintain services with a fair tax structure. At St. Francis Public Library, 4230 S. Nicholson Av., St. Francis.

**Saturday, May 30 – Garlic Mustard Pickers play at the Carlton Grange, 8:30-11:30pm**

3807 S. Packard Avenue, St. Francis <http://thegarlicmustardpickers.org>